

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Border Patrol

Potential Indicators of Maritime Criminal Activity

What Should I Consider Suspicious?

Things to be cognizant and suspicious of, but not limited to:

- Unlit, unregistered, overloaded, overcrowded or ill-equipped boats.
- Boats operating at odd hours or in odd locations.
- Suspicious coastal activity such as people signaling to boats or people watching maritime activity when no special events are present.
- Suspicious vehicles in coastal neighborhoods at odd hours.
- Abandoned boats, life vests, gas cans.
- Boat driver dropping off a group of people close to shore and than heading back south to Mexico.
- Pocket trash with phone numbers, coordinates, etc. written on it.

What Should I do?

Call the Joint Harbor Operation Center (JHOC) tip line 24/7 1-800-854-9834.

*Give as much description as possible when reporting. Take down the CF number of the boat, description of boat, description of individuals and vehicles, etc.

If the matter does not need immediate attention you can also contact Supervisory Agent Caliri and Agent Rubach at (619) 379-8876 or by email at edward.caliri@dhs.gov and evelyn.rubach@cbp.dhs.gov for any questions or concerns you may have.